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# STORMWATER PROTECTION

Stormwater is rainwater and snow or ice melt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our creeks and lakes through Abilene's storm drain system. Pollutants entering these drains flow untreated to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming and fishing.

Best management practices (BMPs) are specific steps to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities. All employees must make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers.



## SPILLS & LEAKS

- Keep outdoor areas free from spills and leaks.
- Keep spill kits available for cleaning up spills and leaks, and train employees on your spill response plan.
- Sweep and inspect parking areas regularly.
- Use dry cleanup methods only.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify Abilene's Stormwater Services by calling 325-437-4937



## OUTDOOR MATERIAL STORAGE & HANDLING

- During bulk liquid transfer, cover or berm around all down-gradient storm drain inlets.
- Keep all drain valves in liquid bulk containers and secondary containments locked in the closed position.
- Cover and provide secondary containment for materials and containers stored outside.

## OUTDOOR WASHING & CLEANING

- Only wash vehicles and equipment in a wash bay or where water drains into a sanitary sewer.
- Collect wastewater from pressure-washing activities. If using a contract service provider, ensure they are implementing BMPs.
- Conduct regular maintenance of sand/oil separators in designated car wash areas to ensure there is proper drainage and water treatment.

## BEST BEHAVIORS

- Post signage prohibiting "topping off" and describing spill response procedures.
- Dispose of wastewater, including chlorinated water, fire suppression water, HVAC or boiler cleaning water, pool water, street sweeping water, and storm drain cleaning water, to a sanitary sewer, or use BMPs outlined in permits and guidance.
- Keep a spill response kit at or near each fueling area.
- Require that the person doing fueling remains present during the entire fueling operation